## REPORT

OF

## THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,

ON

The cause of delay in printing the documents relating to the arbitration in the case of the Pea Patch island.

May 16, 1848.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

Office of the Secretary of the Senate U.S., May 16, 1848.

The Secretary has the honor to submit a letter from the printers, Messrs. Wendell & Van Benthuysen, which contains the information called for by the Senate respecting the printing of the document relating to the arbitration in the matter of the island called the Pea Patch.

ASBURY DICKINS,

Secretary of the Senate.

Hon. G. M. Dallas, Vice President U. S. A.

> Congressional Printing Office, May 15, 1848.

Sir: In reply to yours of the 13th instant, we beg leave to state, that the cause why the document (No. 21) relating to the trial before the honorable John Sergeant, arbitrator in the case of the Pea Patch island, has not been printed at an earlier day, is, that no solicitude has been manifested from any quarter for especial despatch in its execution, while we have had imperative orders in some cases, and urgent solicitations from senators in others, for printing documents which were presumed to be of more immediate importance than the one in question.

The document referred to is now in the hands of the compositors, and

will be laid upon the tables during the present week.

Respectfully, your obedient servants,

WENDELL & VAN BENTHUYSEN, Congressional Printers.

Asbury Dickins, Esq., Secretary of the Senate of the United States.

Tippin & Streeper, printers.

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